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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS HEARINGS

REFS: A) NEW DELHI 9732; B) STATE 163149

1. INDIAN DCM VENKATESWARAN AND POLITICAL OFFICER RAJAN CALLED ON DUBS JULY 1 ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM DELHI TO REGISTER FORMAL PROTEST OVER FRASER HEARINGS. VENKAT REITERATED POINTS MADE INFORMALLY EARLIER THAT GOI CONSIDERED SUBJECT COVERED BY HEARINGS AS "PURELY INTERNAL INDIAN AFFAIR" AND THAT GOI OBJECTED TO CALLING AS WITNESSES INDIAN NATIONALS WHO ARE "KNOWN DELINQUENTS AND WANTED BY GOI" (APPARENT REFERENCE TO JETHMALANI). HE STATED THAT GOI PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER "SURPRISE" APPEARANCE OF "KNOWN SECESSIONIST" CHOCHAN. DUBS TOOK NOTE OF INDIAN PROTEST AND SAID HE WOULD BRING IT TO THE
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ATTENTION OF OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

2. IN INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATION WITH NEA/INS OFFICER, INDIANS NOTED THAT (1) CRITICISM OF GOI BY INDIANS DURING HEARINGS WAS BALANCED BY SUPPORTIVE TESTIMONY FROM SEVERAL AMERICAN WITNESSES; (2) HEARINGS DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE GENERATED MUCH PUBLICITY; AND (3) APPARENTLY THERE WILL BE NO LEGISLATIVE FOLLOW-UP TO HEARINGS. KISSINGER

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